

# The Southeast News

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## Dr. Truman B. Douglass To Retire At End Of 1968

At the Memphis meeting of the Board for Homeland Ministries, Oct. 30 - Nov. 2, 1967, the announcement was made that Dr. Truman B. Douglass, executive vice-president of the Board, would retire at the end of 1968.

Under the direction of Dr. Douglass, the Board has led the ecumenical movement in American Protestantism. The policy was established and later supported by other bodies — never undertake a new program alone if agencies of other denominations are willing to cooperate in it. Ecumenical projects of all kinds have been developed — National Park Ministry, an Urban Training Center in Chicago, Detroit Industrial Mission, and many others.

Dr. Douglass led in the struggle to expand and fully accredit the AMA colleges in the South. His interest in race relations led to formation of the Commission on Religion and Race of the National Council of Churches.

Our thanks to Dr. Truman B. Douglass for his leadership among the churches, as well as on boards and institutions.

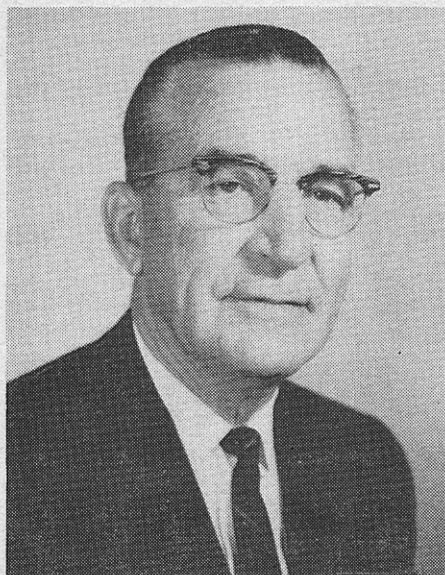
## Rev. Harold Schulz To Take New Position

Rev. Harold A. Schulz, who has served as pastor of St. John's United Church, Cullman, Alabama, for four years, has resigned to accept a new position November 15th. Mr. Schulz will be Program Consultant with the Rehabilitation Research Foundation, near Montgomery, Alabama, where he will be doing technical writing, consulting and offering counsel. The Schulz family will be moving November 10, and their new address is:

354 Bedford Terrace  
Prattville, Alabama 36067

Mr. Schulz has a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling

The Schulzes have two sons, David, 16, and Edward, 11.



## O. C. W. M. — Some Vital Concerns

By JESSE H. DOLLAR

Chairman, OCWM Conf. Commission

When we talk about "Our Christian World Mission" we are not talking about boards and agencies, plans and programs. We are talking about our commitment to Christ and His "Go ye into all the world" commandment. Plans and programs, boards and agencies are only means and measures to move us toward that fulfillment.

The Southeast Conference is the immediate agency through which our local churches express their commitment to the world-wide endeavor of the United Church of Christ. It, too, is only a means toward the end "That the world might be saved." Beyond the plans and programs we initiate in our Conference we must see people, in our local churches, in the communities where our churches are located, and people all over the world to whom we are sent, through our contributions to the agencies of the church which represent us in all kinds of situations at home and abroad. Ours is truly a

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## Why I Became A Foreign Missionary

I had a friend in college who jokingly aspired to be a returned missionary. He wanted to share in the attention often focused upon our furloughed missionaries. The real motives which thrust a person into foreign mission work are less obvious. Who can clearly explain to another the urge one feels in his heart? Who can really understand that explanation who has not felt a similar urge?

People who serve in God's mission overseas do so for many reasons. I have met some adventurous souls who were drawn by a lust in their blood for the smell of the jungle, the sound of alien tongues, or the raw impact of a primitive society. Others I have met were there more to fill a personal need. They were driven by an inner compulsion to submerge themselves in some splendid sacrifice. Another group was there because the need was there.

The presence of some of us on the mission field was purely providential. We were there because we had submitted to the providential guidance of the Lord. We were neither consumed by great passions nor driven by grand obsessions. We merely felt that God had led us there, so we were trying to do the best job we could.

Early in my life I felt an inexplicable precognition. I was sure that God would send me to the mission field. A string of seemingly irresistible events did in fact guide me into foreign mission work. I can remember clearly the providence that prodded me at every turning point. At each point I felt I was there because God had led me there. The result now of submitting to God's direction then has been somewhat different in my case. The same series of events that thrust me out in the first place in turn brought me again to these shores. In retrospect, I can only praise God for His providential guidance.

Allen B. Hollis, Jr.  
Langdale, Alabama



## North Alabama Youth Meet

Miss Linda Lammers of Huntsville presided at the business session of the Youth of North Alabama Association, meeting at Garden City Church, Sunday, October 29. Delegates and advisors decided to publish an occasional newsletter and to meet four times each year, with one meeting being a planning session and retreat.

Questionnaires were explained and distributed in an effort to determine the interest of senior high young people in various types of camp and conference experiences. During a "break," the Resolutions and Time and Place Committees met.

A sound filmstrip, "The Plan", was presented by the host pastor, Rev. Roger Whitley, after which delegates formed two discussion groups, led by Rev. George Hewson and Rev. James Humphrey.

For recreation, led by Mr. Humphrey, the group moved to the Fellowship Building. A sandwich supper followed, served by the host church.

In the brief evening session, Miss Pitcock reported on tabulations of the Camp and Conference Questionnaire. Two members of the Garden City Youth Fellowship led the closing devotional.

The next meeting of the youth of North Alabama Association is to be held Sunday, January 28, 1968, at St. John's Church, Birmingham.

## Huntsville U. C. Y.

The U. C. Y. at Huntsville United Church held a 24-hour retreat September 16-17, at Monte Sano State Park. Attended by 18 persons, the theme for the retreat was "Discovering the Individual."

The retreat was planned by the Youth Group, under the direction of Miss Linda Lammers, Y. C. Y. president, and included in the showing of the movie, "The Webster Grove Story," and the discussion of ten problems involving the discovery of the individualness of each person.

The meeting was completed with the program planning for the year.

—John Pline, Youth Advisor

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## Rev. James E. Humphrey Is Installed In Huntsville

Rev. James E. Humphrey was installed as pastor of The United Church of Huntsville on Sunday evening, October 8, 1967, at 7:30 p. m.

Participants in the service were: Laurence Thompson, who gave the Call to Worship; Linda Lammers, who read the Scripture; Rev. Bobby Aderholt, who led the Litany; Rev. William Andes, who gave the sermon on "The Gathered Community," and Rev. Guy L. Colbert, who led the Statement to the People, Charge to the Pastor and Congregation, and Installation Prayer. Acolyte was Davy Pline.

Previous to the Installation Service, at 4:00 p. m., the Rev. Mr. Humphrey gave to the congregation a written statement of his beliefs and his call to the ministry, which was followed by discussion. Following this, a fellowship supper was served by women of the church in the nearby Episcopal Church.

## News From First Church, Atlanta

The Reverend Donald Daughtry is serving the congregation of First Church as assistant to the pastor, the Rev. Homer McEwen. Mr. Daughtry returned to the States during this past summer after a six-year tour in the Marshall Islands, where he was senior Protestant chaplain on Kwajalein Test Site, the Nike-X anti-missile missile research facility and missionary with the UCBWM at Majuro Atoll.

His wife, Kathleen, is also a seminary graduate. They have a young daughter, Sheila.

Dr. H. A. Bowen of First Church has recently been appointed assistant superintendent of the Atlanta Public Schools. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Church.

As part of the Centennial celebration, First Church will have the Rev. Henry C. McDowell deliver a sermon on November 12 on the topic "First Church's Missions Chair Reaction."

The Annual World Mission Tea will be held November 12 in the Church School Room, 5:00 - 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. John A. Middleton spoke for the Annual Women's Day, October 15, on "The Christian Woman and Social Change."

## East Alabama Women's Fellowship Has Meetings

The women of the East Alabama Association have had two meetings during the past year — the Spring Rally at Roanoke, First Church and the Annual Fall Conference at the Langdale Church.

At the Spring Rally, the highlight of the program was a panel discussion on "The Three Areas of Work," given by committee chairmen: **Education**, Mrs. Emory Allen; **Spiritual Life**, Mrs. H. W. Hoffman; **Witness**, Mrs. O. C. Hilyer. Fourteen churches were represented.

At the Fall Conference the program centered around the year's theme, "Living Our Faith in Today's World." Fellowships present gave reports of their year's work.

A resume of the Retreat was given by Mrs. Harry. Highlights of Materials and Material Aid Projects were very ably presented by Mrs. Walter Hall, the state president.

The guest speaker was Rev. Joe A. French of the United Church at La-Grange, Georgia. He gave a challenge to participants in "Our Christian World Mission."

Twelve churches were represented. The presence of six ministers and two laymen was greatly appreciated.

The annual Every-Member Canvass of the Langdale Congregational Christian Church succeeded in having pledged on the first day \$19,600, representing about 92% of the 1968 budget, totaling \$21,390. It is expected that the budget will be over-pledged.

The Pleasant Hill Church in Tennessee has a ministerial student from Vanderbilt University leading the Youth Fellowship of the church and preaching once a month. On the other Sundays in the month, Rev. Wayne Peck of Uplands Center and Dr. Eugene Bushong of the Retirement Community conduct the services of worship.

Our congratulations to Mr. Joe Harris, a member of the Lowell Church in Roanoke, Ala., who began his 55th year of teaching in the Sunday School October 1, 1967! He is also known for his musical ability, singing at many services of the church, funerals, weddings, and upon other occasions.



## First Church, Phenix City

The Annual Financial Report of First Church, Phenix City, revealed the following: (1966-67)

Total Income	\$9,992.58
Total Expenditures	8,970.40
Balance Sept. 25	\$1,022.18
<b>Building Fund Debt:</b>	
Balance on Bank Loan	\$ 974.80
Balance on Grant Loan	\$ 994.85

The Social Committee has assisted each month in Family Night Supper, as well as performing needed services to elderly, shut-ins, bereaved, and sick. They have also restocked the kitchen with supplies.

The Deaconesses have helped also with the sick and bereaved, and prepared communion elements.

Average attendance at Sunday School for the year was 55.

A Birthday for Christ program held at Christmas provided a number of toys and gifts for Partlow State School.

The Laymen's Fellowship and the Women's Fellowship have both held regular meetings and participated in service projects for the church as well as others.

Eighteen new members were added to the church roll this year.

## Southern Union College

### Has Doubled Enrollment

Since 1964, enrollment at Southern Union State Junior College in Wadley has more than doubled.

Figures released recently indicate the 1967-68 enrollment stands at 472 for both regular day and evening classes, as compared with 230 in 1964.

## Elon College Choir

### To Sing In Atlanta

The Elon College Choir, from Elon College, North Carolina, will present Handel's "The Messiah" on Friday evening, December 15, at 8:00 p. m., at the Chapel of Emory School of Theology. The choir is being sponsored by Central Church of Atlanta, and members of the choir will spend the night in homes of members of Central Church.

On Sunday night, October 16, members of the Lanett Church drove to the United Church, LaGrange, to have a "Joe French" night. There were 53



### Dr. Carl Lisle Percy

Dr. Carl Lisle Percy of Demorest, Georgia, died April 12, 1967, at the age of 85.

Dr. Percy was a familiar figure to many young people, for he had been connected with Piedmont College for more than thirty-five years, as teacher, business manager, and friend to all. While serving the college he was the pastor of several of the North Georgia churches: Demorest, Duncan's Creek, Bowman Liberty, and Braselton Macedonia at various times. His record of devotion to the churches and educational program in North Georgia cannot be equaled, except by that of his loyal wife who served beside him.

Dr. Percy was born in Jay, Vermont, beautiful mountain country on the edge of Canada, January 26, 1882. He was graduated from Middlebury College, Vermont, in 1909. There he met his wife, Mabel Stevenson, and after graduation both attended Atlanta Theological Seminary, then situated in Atlanta, Georgia. Although he had served Circular Church in Charleston, South Carolina, for brief periods in 1908 and 1910, he did not stay in the south after Seminary, but took a pastorate for seven years at Charlton, Mass. While there he earned his Master's Degree at Clark University in Worcester, Mass., and almost completed his doctorate. World War I interrupted his pastorate

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from Lanett to join the LaGrange congregation. The two choirs also combined for the service.

## Mrs. Luna M. Barker,

### Minister's Wife, Dies

Mrs. Luna M. Barker, Tallassee, Ala., died Tuesday night, September 12.

Services were held September 14 from East Tallassee Congregational Christian Church with ministers Toby Quinn, James T. McAdams, and Graham Norris officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include a son, Dallas, East Tallassee; six daughters: Mrs. J. C. (Dera) Coleman, Mrs. G. F. (Jettie) Logan, Mrs. J. C. (Miriam) Fralic, Mrs. Murry (Merle) Baker, and Mrs. Marvin (Edwina) Jackson, all of Tallassee, and Mrs. Francis (Ether) Emerson, Salisbury, N. C.; 16 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

MEDITATION GIVEN BY REV. JAMES ADAMS AT FUNERAL OF 'MRS. LUNA BARKER, SEPT. 14

What can I say? What can I do?

One time about two years ago, when I was feeling discouraged, I asked Mrs. Barker these questions. She gave me this answer: "Look up, look around you, look upon the trees, look even unto the hills; whence cometh your help? He will not suffer thy foot to be moved."

Now, I would like to ask you this question: What can I say? What can I do? I can only point you to this same one. Look up, look around you, lift up your head and look unto the hills, whence cometh your help?

We are apt to think at the moment when we seem to be crushed by troubles that we are the only ones, but we know this is not true. You may feel that you are the first to lose a mother, but we cannot stop here. Lift up your eyes unto the hills, open your hearts to God, receive the help that is waiting for you.

I feel that it is an honor for me to stand here and speak of such a lady as this. I feel that you should let her life and her passing from this life bring to your heart the fact that heaven's door, the very gates of heaven have been opened wider as she passed from this life unto a fuller life. Now, my prayer for you is that God should bless you greatly and that the peace that passeth all understanding should enter your heart and soul. Look up, lift up your heart and look unto the hills — from whence cometh your help?



# Our Christian World Mission Goals For 1968

The Our Christian World Mission goals remain approximately the same as 1967 goals. The Commission on Our Christian World Mission hopes that each church will make an honest effort to increase their O. C. W. M. giving by at least 10%. All monies designated for OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION should be sent to:

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## ALABAMA

Church	Goal
Alpine, King's Chapel	\$ 85
Andalusia, Antioch	87
Andalusia, First	100
Anniston, First	208
Arley, Robertson's Chapel	35
Athens, Trinity	156
Birmingham, First	1,142
Birmingham, Pilgrim	1,804
Birmingham, St. John's	1,071
Brantley, Indian Creek	50
Brantley, Liberty	50
Caddo, Cong'l Christian	163
Clio, New Hope	130
Cullman, St. John's	1,039
East Tallassee, C. C.	550
Eclectic, Watson's Chapel	50
Garden City, Cong'l	240
Hackelburg, Fairview	100
Haleyville, Union Grove	100
Hanceville, Mt. Grove	100
Headland, Blackwood	582
Houston, Liberty Hill	50
Huntsville, United	2,107
Marion, First	80
Midland City, Chr. Hill	33
Montgomery, First	484
Montgomery, United	811
Moulton, Jones' Chapel	75
Mt. Creek, Union	50
Selma, First	78
Seman, Community	50
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	52
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	125
Talladega, First	72
Town Creek, Old Liberty	75
Wetumpka, Balm of Gilead	53

## EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

(Includes Per Capita Dues)

Antioch (Roanoke)	250
Antioch (New Site)	10
Bethany	250
Beulah	100
Bethel (West Point)	100
Cavers Grove	100
Corinth	250
Elder	300
Forest Home	150
Huguley	150
Hillside	300

Hunt Memorial	50
Langdale	3,000
Lanett	4,000
Lowell	500
Mt. Zion	150
New Hope	250
Noon Day	250
New Harmony	60
Oak Grove	650
Pisgah	50
Pleasant Grove	250
Roanoke	350
Rock Stand	250
Rock Spring	50
State Line	100
Todd	400
Phenix City	400
Wadley	420
Russell Woods	100

## FLORIDA

Baker, Good Hope	100
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	50
Bonifay, New Effort	100

## GEORGIA

Ambrose, Christian	13
Atlanta, Carroll Heights	25
Atlanta, Center	130
Atlanta, Central	5,094
Atlanta, First	4,200
Atlanta, Rush Memorial	400
Barnesville, Fredonia	483
Baxley, Friendship	50
Beachton, Evergreen	130
Bowman, Liberty	56
Braselton, Macedonia	60
Bristol, Antioch	50
Buford, Duncan's Creek	100
Columbus, First	390
Columbus, United	65
Crest, Hebron	25
Demorest, Federated	403
Doerun, New Light	25
Doerun, Poplar Arbor	50
Douglas, First	100
Enigma, Christian	100
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	47
LaGrange, United	1,320
Macon, First	110
Meansville, First	50
McIntosh, Midway	65
Pearson, Union Hill	265
Richland, First	33
Richland, Providence Chapel	50
Savannah, First	390
Thomasville, Bethany	50
Tifton, Vanceville	100
Waycross, Williams Chapel	260
Woodbury, Jones Chapel	39

## KENTUCKY

Evarts, First	500
Stearns, Community	50
Tougaloo, Union	252

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston, Circular	1,125
Charleston, Plymouth	326

## TENNESSEE

Belvidere, First	2,518
Chattanooga, First	306
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	5,656
Crossville, First	847
Daisy, Congregational	300
Deer Lodge, Cong'l	255
Glen Mary, Congregational	109
Knoxville, First	270
Nashville, Brookmeade	900
Nashville, Fisk Union	300
Nashville, Howard	423
Pleasant Hill, Community	952
Robbins, Barton Chapel	160
Soddy, First	260
Sweetwater, First	163

## Dr. Carl Lisle Percy (Continued from Page 3)

and he volunteered for overseas duty in the Y. M. C. A. and served one year. That year of driving a jeep over muddy battle fields prepared him for his many years of maneuvering over equally hazardous roads in North Georgia. He had the reputation of driving like Jehu over the worst of them.

In 1919, the Percys answered the call of Dr. Percy's uncle, Professor Butler, to teach at Piedmont College, and there he remained until his retirement. Demorest was his home for forty-seven years, and he was a leader of the Demorest Federated Church and the town all through those years.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Mabel Stevenson Percy; two daughters, Mrs. O. C. Dean and Mrs. W. E. Turpin; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

For three Sundays leading up to Loyalty Sunday, lay members of Central Church, Atlanta, are interpreting what Stewardship means to them in special five-minute talks as part of the morning service. Speakers are: Mr. V. S. Peterson, Mrs. Edward Askren, and Mrs. Thomas Bender. On Sunday, November 12, members and friends are asked to come to the morning service prepared to fill out their "Intention Cards" for support of the 1968 budget. The cards will be dedicated in a special service at the end of worship on that day.

"Mr. Grace!" screamed Joan, "I've taken all the criticism of my work that I'm going to take. How do you spell 'quit'?"



## "The Local Church In God's Mission"

1968-69 United Church of Christ  
Emphasis

A church moving forward into its distinctive mission is like a ship making for a specific harbor. The symbol of the Emphasis is the steerman's helm, the pilot's steering wheel. Planning is a way of grabbing hold of the task and using our resources intelligently in its doing. The helm's handles say this, plus something else; every component of planning is in play at all times, but at any particular moment one or another of the handles may be doing the major work.

The primary Emphasis process is planning for ACTION, not just spinning our wheels. In preparation for this, Dr. Gerald Jud has written the book, *PILGRIM'S PROCESS*.

"The Emphasis purpose is that each local church sharpen its discernment of the call of God in the present world, in the gospel, and in its own life and make faithful response to that call through its distinctive mission."

## Thank You, United Church Ministers!

Of the 96 persons appointed by the Board of World Ministries in the last 16 months:

18 apparently wrote on their own initiative.

16 were suggested by local and conference ministers;

15 were suggested by personnel overseas.

Small numbers of others previously worked on the overseas staff of the United Church of Christ, saw lists of overseas personnel needs on their major-department bulletin boards at college, read our listings in the College Placement Annual, or made contact with us in other ways.

—Charlotte Reid, Personnel Sec.

The Georgia Council of Churches meets November 21, 1967, 10:00 a. m.-4:00 p. m., at the Peachtree Presbyterian Church, 3434 Roswell Rd., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

**MINISTER'S CONVOCATION**  
January 15-17, 1968  
Camp Calvin, near Atlanta

## Lanett Church Honors Pastor And Family

The people of the Lanett Church "pulled a surprise" on their pastor, the Rev. W. Walter Hall, and his family by turning a regular family dinner following the morning worship service on Sunday, October 1, into an event in their honor. The event was to mark the fourth anniversary of their coming to the Lanett Church and the beginning of their fifth year as the parsonage family.

The Halls knew nothing of the significance of the dinner until they were ushered to a reserved table and the announcement was made. Seated at the reserved table, in addition to the Hall family were Mrs. A. D. Harry, president of the Women's Fellowship, Mr. Lawrence Moncus, chairman of the Board of Deacons and Churchmen's Fellowship, Mrs. Frank Moon, chairman of the Dorcas Circle, sponsor of the event, and Mr. H. Paul Beaird, Sunday School superintendent.

During the meal the curtain of the stage was pulled back, displaying a table upon which were gifts and expressions of appreciation.

## MEET THE PASTOR First Church, Atlanta

An avid tennis player and a fine poet, the Reverend Homer C. McEwen Sr., D. D., is among the outstanding ministers in the nation. Having served as pastor of First Church since 1947, Mr. McEwen has been also instructor in Worship and Homiletics at the Interdenominational Theological Center.

Dr. McEwen has served on many boards: Board for Homeland Ministries, Convention of the South, Dorchester Center, Carrie Steele-Pitts Children's Home, Metropolitan Atlanta Association for the Blind, and Dillard University.

He holds a B. S. summa cum laude from Dillard, a B. D. cum laude from Chicago Theological Seminary, and a D. D. (honoris causa) from Chicago Theological Seminary.

Ordained in 1943, Mr. McEwen served as interim pastor of Lincoln Memorial Congregational Church of Chicago, and as pastor of St. Luke Congregational Church of Brooklyn.

He is married to Maxell Kerr McEwen. They have four children: Elaine

## New Audio-Visuals Added To SEC Library

Three audio-visuals recently have been added to the Southeast Conference Library and are available to our churches on the same basis as those listed in the Audio-Visual Catalog.

*Abide With Us* is a sound, color film-strip describing the work of two of the institutions "adopted" by the Southeast Conference, Emmaus Home at Marthasville, Missouri, and Emmaus Home at St. Charles, Missouri.

Both institutions are Health and Welfare agencies of the United Church of Christ, and seek to minister to mentally retarded adults.

Congregations will want to use this filmstrip so their people will be informed about these two institutions for whom our Conference churches have particular concern.

*Rejoice!* is a 33 1/3 r. p. m. recording of music for the worship of God in the twentieth century. The music, designed to be congregational (not merely for a choir) includes: The Nicene Creed, Sanctus, The Lord's Prayer, Kyrie Eleison, They Cast Their Nets, In Christ There Is No East or West, I Walk the King's Highway, and others. "The zest and joyfulness are meant to bind the worshipping church together in 'shouting to God with loud songs of joy'".

*Joy Is Like The Rain*, a 33 1/3 r. p. m. recording, "is a living testimony that God is not dead but lives and moves among us." It is an album of original songs of our day, in the folk-style of our times for each and every man, and has been recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters, a religious society which cares for the sick in great need areas of the world—Africa, Asia, and Latin America — as a work of Christian love.

The pastor and his wife of Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johnson, were the only Protestants present for the Pontifical Mass and Anniversary Dinner in recognition of Archbishop Toolen's forty years as Bishop of the Mobile-Birmingham Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church.

McEwen Hughes, Homer Jr., Cynthia, and Phyllis.

Mr. McEwen's father served as an elder in Methodist churches in Mississippi-Louisiana area and his mother was a teacher and church worker.



## Resolution On Tithing

### Voted By General Synod

WHEREAS the cry for mission and service is desperately needed in our revolutionary day,

Our major boards are suffering devastating cut-backs,

Our churches have often grown complacent in stewardship practices,

We have spoken in meaningless platitudes so that the survival of Christian integrity is threatened by our lack of zeal and passion,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixth General Synod feels compelled to express the urgency that every member of the United Church of Christ give sacrificially and to his utmost his financial support to the work of the Church that God's Mission may be released and fulfilled.

WHEREAS: It is becoming increasingly apparent that the Mission of the United Church of Christ is so great in our time that our financial resources are not adequate, and

WHEREAS: We dare not "take our hand from the plow" where we have assumed responsibility, and

WHEREAS: All areas of need must receive a proportionate amount of the mission dollar,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

A. That we call upon our churches:

1. To stress proportionate giving, suggesting that a minimum of a tithe should be their goal for individual giving, at least half of which should be given for church purposes, and

2. To set for themselves a goal for the basic support of Our Christian World Mission which equals at least 25% of their current operating expenses, moving toward the ultimate goal of \$1.00 for OCWM and \$1.00 for current operating expenses.

B. That conferences be urged to use a portion of the mission dollar for services and mission within their geographical areas whenever possible, not to exceed 1/3 of all moneys received from whatever source excepting special grants and other restricted funds, and

C. At the national level the Budget Committee, in distribution of funds in excess of amounts previously available, shall seek to establish formulas of distribution which provide a greater pro-

## Our Christian World Mission

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World-Wide Mission!

We must concern ourselves first with the Call to Mission, and then we must be concerned about how best we can accomplish that mission. Here we come to the matter of what each church member, each local church, is willing to give toward the accomplishment of our mission.

At the spring session of the Southeast Conference your Commission on Our Christian World Mission was instructed to prepare goals for each church, in definite dollar and cents amounts, so that we can plan wisely and promptly our participation in the programs of outreach our national boards and agencies have projected toward the fulfillment of our mission. This has been done, and we are encouraged by the number of churches which have accepted the suggestion and have accepted the Basic Support goals we submitted.

Many have not yet reported, but we hope all churches of the Conference will consider the suggested goals and report to the Conference office their decision. Some have accepted higher goals than were suggested. If there are churches which feel that the suggested goal is too high for them, we hope that the goal they set will be a good measure of their faith.

President Herbstler said in speaking to our church leaders at a planning session on Our Christian World Mission, "I am sure that God will accomplish His plans for saving the world. Whether He will accomplish it through the United Church of Christ is to be seen." In other words, whether God uses us to accomplish His mission will depend upon our response to HIS call that we be good stewards of the manifold Grace of God.

Here are some questions each church should seek answers to for its own good, and for the good of our total mission:

1. Does your church have a well-planned budget which includes a definite amount to be given for Our Chris-

portion of funds to our programs of mission and service to the world with relative parity for missions at home and abroad, and

D. That Conferences and Instrumentalities report to the Stewardship Council their expenditures of funds for budget.

## Travel Light

Locality can no longer be the sole basis of a congregation. The church must be where men are, speak the language they speak, inhabit the worlds they inhabit and still remain faithful to the gospel. The starting point of the church's mission is not to say, "Come, all are welcome." Rather, it is to say "Go." Go out to be simply at the service of people in their ordinary human needs and try with them to see in concrete detail what God's will is for their common life. The condition is that they are called to be a pilgrim people, to travel light, to leave behind old baggage if necessary, and to follow the lead of the Spirit.

—Chattanooga "Pilgrim News"

tian World Mission?

2. Did you have a well-planned Every Member Enlistment program so that your people could show that they are interested and are willing to make regular contributions to the church?

3. How is your program of Evangelism working? Did you receive more members this year than you lost? If not, what of the future for your church?

4. Have you given thought to what your church will do in carrying out the special emphasis of "The Local Church and God's Mission," which is the denominational emphasis for the next two years?

5. What is the outlook for your church in the future, and what do you and your church officials propose to do about it?

In the light of your answers to these questions lies the destiny of your church. What will it be?

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## A Definition Of O. C. W. M.

Our Christian World Mission has been defined as the work all our churches do together to strengthen the inward life of each church, to increase its effectiveness in fulfilling its local mission, and to further the mission beyond the local parish and community. Our Christian World Mission, often abbreviated OCWM, is the work we do together through the 40 conferences and 8 national instrumentalities of the United Church of Christ.

### IN THE HOMELAND:

Through the Board for Homeland Ministries we carry on ministries in:

- 32 colleges and academies
- 17 seminaries
- 313 campuses have representation
- 81 institutions for aging, mentally retarded, children and youth
- 108 urban ministries
- 57 non-metropolitan ministries
- 250 congregations aided in new church development
- Council for Church and Ministry
- Council for Lay Life and Work
- Council for Christian Social Action
- Stewardship Council
- Office of Communication
- Pension Boards

### OVERSEAS:

31 countries in Europe, Near East, Africa, Southern Asia, the Pacific, Latin America

460 persons from the U. S. and thousands of nationals

- 39 other countries cooperatively
- 30 colleges, 187 schools, and 12 theological and Bible training schools
- 59 medical institutions supported
- 28 social service agencies
- 7 publishing and literature distribution groups

- 9 hostels and children's homes
- 18 agricultural stations

Last year, every \$1.00 given by members of the United Church of Christ to their church was divided:

- 62c for local expense
- 23c for local capital payments
- 85c stayed in the community
- 4c to Conference for budget needs
- 6c for all national budget needs
- 5c variety of causes not OCWM

\$1.00

The 6c mentioned above given to National Basic Support was divided:

2.1c for work of Board for World Ministries

1.8c for work of Bd. Homeland Min.

2.1c for other national instrumentalities and to pay off debt incurred in 1965 because obligations and commitments were not met.

## Government Persecution

### In Angola Continues

Government persecution of black residents of Angola is setting the stage for future violence in Africa, according to Rev. Carl R. Dille, principal of Emanuel Theological Seminary, Dondi, Angola, the only Protestant seminary in Angola. Mr. Dille, now on one-year furlough as United Church of Christ missionary, spoke out for the first time against vicious brutality practiced by Portuguese rulers.

He told of beatings which exposed the shoulder blades of the victims and caused their fingers to split open from swelling, and he discussed wanton murders of innocent men because they were unable to tell authorities where guns were allegedly hidden.

Dr. Dille has worked in Angola as teacher and minister for 29 years. He said most of the brutality there is directed toward Protestant Christians.

"Missionaries are not an unmixed blessing," he said. When a missionary visits an African village, the leader and village people are almost certain to be punished if they don't give the "right" answers. However, he said that missionaries are welcomed because if they were to leave, there would be no one to intercede for the villagers or to tell their story to the outside world.

For a missionary to travel more than 15 miles on the main road, it is necessary to get police permission a month in advance. Then he must register with police in the town he visits and report to local officials on his return.

No meeting, other than strictly worship services, can be held without police permission, which is often denied. More often, requests are just ignored.

Since Christianity includes the teaching of dignity for all men, that they should live in freedom, it is considered subversive.

Dr. Dille wants to return to Angola but has little hope because the government of Angola allows almost no missionaries to come back. He returned to the States to be treated for eye trouble.

Chief Albert Luthuli is dead, struck down by a train while walking along the right-of-way near his home in Africa. Who will take the place of this Nobel Peace Prize winner, former Zulu chief, leader of Black S. Africans? Who will replace this spokesman for oppressed people everywhere?

## Your Conference Minister

### Guest Of Board For

### Homeland Ministries

The Board for Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ issued a special invitation to your Conference Minister to attend the annual meeting of the Board, and its Divisions, meeting in Memphis, Oct. 30 - Nov. 2, 1967. This was quite an educational experience. Here one met the corporate members of the Board, church leaders in local churches intent on making decisions that would advance the Kingdom of God in America. Here were staff members with reams of papers noting their reports, and serving sacrificially with salaries below most ministers and certainly below salaries of business and professional men. How these staff people make ends meet is certainly a matter of grace.

Here the Board for Homeland Ministries faced realistically a cut budget. The Division of Church Extension will have approximately \$66,000 less in its budget for Our Christian World Mission giving than it should be — and this is only one of the divisions of the Board. As staff members retire or change to other jobs, it is seldom that a new staff member can be hired. Only two staff members remain now in the Division of Evangelism.

Our new church at Bonanza, already having loans from the Board amounting to \$23,940.50, was granted an additional loan of \$5,000 to help erect a temporary place of worship. Our Howard Church in Nashville already has received a grant of \$6,000 and a loan of \$4,985; the Board granted an additional loan of \$2,500 to purchase additional property.

In the event our Anniston First Church merges with the Presbyterian Church in Anniston to form a new church, the directors of the American Missionary Association were authorized to deed the new church the lot or parcel of ground on which the old church building and parsonage had stood.

One comes from such a meeting with the feeling that the Board for Homeland Ministries is in good hands and that every effort is being made to utilize every cent of money to the glory of God and for His Kingdom on earth.



## A Minister Nobody Wanted Radio Series, "We

One of the toughest tasks a church faces is the wise choice of a wise minister.

A member of an Official Board undergoing this painful process finally lost patience. He'd watched the Pastoral Relations Committee reject applicant after applicant for some fault, alleged or otherwise. It was time for a bit of soul-searching on the part of the committee. So he stood up and read a letter purporting to be from another applicant.

"Gentlemen . . . understanding your pulpit is vacant, I should like to apply for the position.

"I have many qualifications . . . I've been a preacher with much success and also some success as a writer. Some say I'm a good organizer. I've been a leader most places I've been.

"I'm over 50 years of age. I have never preached in one place for more than three years. In some places I have left town after my work has caused riots and disturbances.

"I must admit I have been in jail three or four times, but not because of any real wrongdoing.

"My health is not too good, though I still get a great deal done.

"The churches I have preached in have been small, though located in several large cities.

"I've not got along well with religious leaders in towns where I have preached. In fact, some have threatened me and even attacked me physically.

"I am not too good at keeping records. I have been known to forget whom I have baptized.

"However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you."

The Board member looked over the congregation . . . "Well, what do you think? Shall we hire him?"

The good church folks were aghast. Hire an unhealthy, trouble-making, absent-minded, ex-jail bird? Was the Board member crazy? Who signed that application? Who had such colossal nerve?

The Board member eyed them all keenly before he answered . . . "It's signed, The Apostle Paul."

## The Women," Released

A new radio series representing the first venture in broadcasting of 29 million church women has been released for use on all stations titled "We, the Women."

Speaking through the voice of Cornelia Otis Skinner, the weekly radio series of 5-minute monologues is produced jointly by Church Women United, the National Council of Catholic Women, the National Council of Jewish Women, and the National Council of Negro Women. Cooperation among these four women's groups originated three years ago with the founding of WICS, Women in Community Service, volunteer organization which recruits and screens applicants for Women's Job Corps.

The new radio series is aimed at encouraging American women to help work out the many problems existing in their communities, states, the nation, and the world.

In these monologues, Miss Skinner describes ways in which these four organizations are handling specific projects and invites listeners to write for further information.

For further information: P. O. Box 4580, New York, N. Y. 10017

The Rev. and Mrs. John Wilder of Mebane, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Michael Wayne Wilder, Sept. 12, 1967. Mr. Wilder is pastor of Mt. Zion United Church of Christ near Mebane and was formerly pastor of Mt. Olive Church, Tallassee, Alabama.

Heard of a gal who was filling in a form for employment. Under the heading "EXPERIENCE" she wrote just two words, "OH BOY."

The Congregational Library, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., has just completed an air-conditioned Archives and Rare Book Room. This will provide conditions needed for better protection of historic books and manuscripts. Friends are invited to visit the library when in the area. The S. E. Conference recently made a contribution of \$25 to this work.

## Expecting A New Pastor?

Recently, after sixteen and one-half years as minister of the First Christian Church of South Bend, Indiana, Dr. Frank E. Davison was named pastor-at-large. Before the new pastor arrived in South Bend, Dr. Davison listed in the church paper the following "Ten Ways to Prepare for the Coming of Our New Pastor."

1) Pray for your new pastor in your private devotions and stop sometime soon in the Chapel of the Inclusive Circle to pray for him and for his family.

2) Write him a card or a letter to let him know of your happy anticipations.

3) Be faithful in attendance and support of your church this summer so that when the new pastor arrives the church will be alive and in good financial condition.

4) Do not expect your new pastor to be just like any former pastor. Allow him to be himself and to build his own foundations.

5) Talk to your friends with positive expectancy about the coming of your new pastor.

6) When he arrives in the city, don't pick his family apart. Being a minister's wife is no bed of roses and if the minister's children should have some peculiarities it may be because they have had to play with the deacons' kids!

7) Don't expect your new minister to call on you during the first six weeks or the first six months he is in town. He will have many new and important duties to perform and not all can be done at once.

8) Help your new minister get acquainted with you by giving him your name each time you meet him for the first few months. You have only one name to learn. He has a thousand.

9) Share your joys and your sorrows with your pastor. Do not expect him to know the needs of your family by mental telepathy.

10) Open your hearts and your homes to your new pastor. If he does not know you at the end of three years it will perhaps be because he has never had his feet under your table.

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